



*“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and  
renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*

*-- Psalm 51:10*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 150:1-6*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

*All: Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

Leader: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

*All: Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!*

Leader: Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

*All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!*

## *Gloria Patri\**

GLORIA PATRI (MEINKE)

Irreg. Charles Meineke, 1844

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen, amen.”

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION\*

### *Hymn of Praise\**

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8,

### *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

Based on Psalm 109, Joachim Neander, 1680.

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath  
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Nicene Creed*

**All:** *We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven., and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures., and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and life in the world to come. Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Psalm 39:4-8*

**All:** *"LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely, they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them. And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish (Psalm 39:4-8)." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 Timothy 1:15*

**Leader:** Hear the good news! "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*\*\*We ask that for the time being you send your tithe checks by mail to our treasurer*

## ***Psalm 23***

TUNE: CRIMOND CM

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

The LORD’S my Shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, ev’n for His own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

A table Thou has furnished me in presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;  
And in GOD’S house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**All:** *“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”*

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM READING**

*Psalm 4:1-8*

**Leader:** Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

**All:** *How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood? Selah*

**Leader:** But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

**All:** *Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah*

**Leader:** Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD.

**All:** *There are many who say, “Who will show us any good?” LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.*

**Leader:** You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

**All:** *I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 5:1-31*

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>“Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper, everyone who has a discharge, and whoever becomes defiled by a corpse. <sup>3</sup>“You shall put out both male and female; you shall put them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell.” <sup>4</sup>And the children of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the LORD spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did. <sup>5</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>6</sup>“Speak to the children of Israel: ‘When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit in unfaithfulness against the LORD, and that person is guilty, <sup>7</sup>then he shall confess the sin which he has committed. He shall make restitution for his trespass in full, plus one-fifth of it, and give it to the one he has wronged. <sup>8</sup>But if the man has no relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution for the wrong must go to the LORD for the priest, in addition to the ram of the atonement with which atonement is made for him. <sup>9</sup>Every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they bring to the priest, shall be his. <sup>10</sup>And every man’s holy things shall be his; whatever any man gives the priest shall be his.’” <sup>11</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup>“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘If any man’s wife goes astray and behaves unfaithfully toward him, <sup>13</sup>and a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and it is concealed that she has defiled herself, and there was no witness against her, nor was she caught -- <sup>14</sup>if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, who has defiled herself; or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he becomes jealous of his wife, although she has not defiled herself -- <sup>15</sup>then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. He shall bring the offering required for her, one-tenth of an EPHAH of barley meal; he shall pour no oil on it and put no frankincense on it, because it is a grain offering of jealousy, an offering for remembering, for bringing iniquity to remembrance. <sup>16</sup> And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD. <sup>17</sup>The priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel, and take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water. <sup>18</sup>Then the priest shall stand the woman before the LORD, uncover the woman’s head, and put the offering for remembering in her hands, which is the grain offering of jealousy. And the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that brings a curse. <sup>19</sup>And the priest shall put her under oath, and say to the woman, “If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone astray to uncleanness while under your husband’s authority, be free from this bitter water that brings a curse. <sup>20</sup>But if you have gone astray while under your husband’s authority, and if you have defiled yourself and some man other than your husband has lain with you” -- <sup>21</sup>then the priest shall put the woman under the oath of the curse, and he shall say to the woman -- “the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD makes your thigh rot and your belly swell; <sup>22</sup>and may this water that causes the curse go into your stomach, and make your belly swell and your thigh rot.” Then the woman shall say, “Amen, so be it.” <sup>23</sup> Then the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall scrape them off into the bitter water. <sup>24</sup> And he shall make the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and the water that brings the curse shall enter her to become bitter. <sup>25</sup>Then the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman’s hand, shall wave the offering before the LORD, and bring it to the altar; <sup>26</sup>and the priest shall take a handful of the offering, as its memorial portion, burn it on the altar, and afterward make the woman drink the water. <sup>27</sup>When he has made her drink the water, then

it shall be, if she has defiled herself and behaved unfaithfully toward her husband, that the water that brings a curse will enter her and become bitter, and her belly will swell, her thigh will rot, and the woman will become a curse among her people. <sup>28</sup>But if the woman has not defiled herself, and is clean, then she shall be free and may conceive children. <sup>29</sup>This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, while under her husband's authority, goes astray and defiles herself, <sup>30</sup>or when the spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, and he becomes jealous of his wife; then he shall stand the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute all this law upon her. <sup>31</sup>Then the man shall be free from iniquity, but that woman shall bear her guilt.' "

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-34

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you -- unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed. <sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. <sup>15</sup>Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up -- if in fact the dead do not rise. <sup>16</sup>For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! <sup>18</sup>Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. <sup>20</sup>But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. <sup>24</sup>Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. <sup>27</sup>For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under *Him*," *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. <sup>28</sup>Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead? <sup>30</sup>And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour? <sup>31</sup>I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die

daily. <sup>32</sup>If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage *is it* to me? If *the* dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." <sup>34</sup>Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.

## ***Psalm of Preparation\****

TUNE: REDHEAD

## ***"Psalm 51:12-19"***

*"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"*

Give salvation's joy again, and a willing mind sustain.  
Then Thy perfect ways I'll show That transgressors may them know;  
they converted then shall be; sinners shall be turned to Thee.

Free me from the guilt of blood, God, of my salvation God;  
Then with joy my tongue shall raise Songs Thy righteousness to praise.  
Open Thou my lips, O Lord; Then my mouth shall praise accord.

Sacrifice Thou wilt not take, else would I the off'ring make.  
Off' rings burnt bring no delight, But a broken heart, contrite,  
God's accepted sacrifice, Thou, O God, wilt not despise.

Prosper Zion in Thy grace; Salem's broken walls replace.  
Then shall sacrifices right, Whole burnt off' rings Thee delight;  
so will men, their vows to pay, Bullocks on Thine altar lay.

## **SERMON**

***Psalm 51:10-19***

***"Part 2-Creation"***

***Pastor Marc Miller***

- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.
- 13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.
- 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, *And* my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
- 16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart -- These, O God, You will not despise.
- 18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## Hymn of Preparation

TUNE: PLAINFIELD 7.8.7.8.ref.

## "Nothing but the Blood"

Robert Lowry, 1876

1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
• naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN  
O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PASSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Response\**

TUNE: TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.7.

*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

August M. Toplady, 1776

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

### BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able  
 CCLI # 174248

### Announcements

- The session has decided to cancel the formal church meetings for the time being given the current circumstances. We are planning to livestream the worship service starting at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings until further notice. The livestream link can be found at [www.wepca.org](http://www.wepca.org). We will still record the sermon and upload it on the website too.
- The session wants to exhort the church family to continue to lift one another up in prayer, check on one another, and if you need anything please call Pastor Marc or one of the elders. This is a great opportunity to show our love for one another in real ways!
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- Our next outdoor worship service will be on August 30, at McKean Park, in McKean, PA. The service will start at 11 a.m. followed by a bring your own picnic to follow. We also will be celebrating the Lord's Supper at this service.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on August 1 at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on West 12<sup>th</sup> street.

# WELCOME!

If you are visiting our church today we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. There are a few things that we would like you to know about West Erie Presbyterian Church.

- We are Historically Reformed.
  - This means that we believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
  - This means we believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
  - This means we hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
  - This means that we believe that salvation is a free gift of God.
- We are Community Oriented.
  - We seek to share the only hope that this world has: that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
  - We seek to be a church that is salt and light to the community around us and fulfill the Great Commission.
- We are Confessional.
  - As a Christian church, ancient statements such as the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed help us to confess certain basic and essential truths of the Christian faith.
  - As a Presbyterian church, our confessional or doctrinal standards consist of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms (copies of these documents are available from the church).
  - All of these statements are under the authority of Scripture.

We thank you for visiting today! If you have any questions regarding our style of worship please feel free to ask the pastor or one of our elders. We would be happy to talk with you. Also, we would ask you to stay after and enjoy the fellowship of our Christian community. West Erie Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America ([www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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